

SENATE BILL 1997

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-20-102, relative to certain municipal elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-20-102, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (d):

(d)

(1) In addition to the authority granted by subsections (a), (b) and (c), the board of commissioners of any municipality incorporated under the general laws of this state and having a population of not less than four hundred fifty (450) nor more than four hundred sixty (460) or not less than four hundred eight-five (485) nor more than four hundred ninety-four (494) which are located in any county having a population of not less than fifty-one thousand two hundred (51,200) nor more than fifty-one thousand three hundred (51,300), all according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census, may by an ordinance approved by an affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of its membership, fix the date of subsequent regular municipal elections as the date of the regular November election as defined in § 2-1-104, by one of the following alternative methods specified in the ordinance:

(A) The terms of office of the incumbent members of the board of commissioners and popularly-elected mayor, if there be one, that would have expired on the date of the first regular municipal election occurring after the adoption of the ordinance shall be extended to the date of the regular state November election occurring thereafter. The terms of office of the incumbent members of the board of commissioners and popularly-elected mayor, if there be one, that would have expired on the date of the second regular municipal election

occurring after the adoption of the ordinance shall be extended to the date of the regular state November election occurring thereafter.

(B) The terms of incumbent members of the board of commissioners, and the popularly-elected mayor, if there be one, that expire six (6) months or less before a regular state November election, shall be extended to the date of that state election. The terms of members of the board of commissioners and the popularly-elected mayor, if there be one, that expire more than six (6) months before a regular state November election shall be filled at the regular city election pertinent to those offices for terms extending to the next regular state November election.

(2) Members of the board of commissioners, and the popularly-elected mayor, if there be one, shall be elected for terms of four (4) years, except for the transitional term provided for in subdivision (d)(1)(B).

(3) Nothing in this subsection (d) shall be construed to remove any incumbent from office or abridge the term of any incumbent prior to the end of the term for which an elected official was selected.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.